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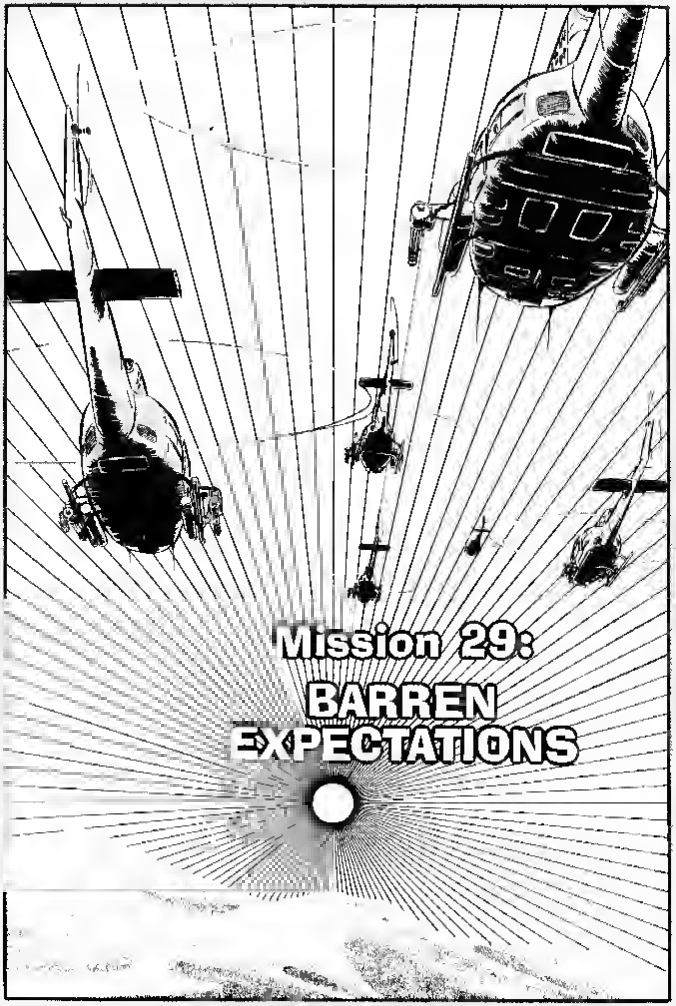
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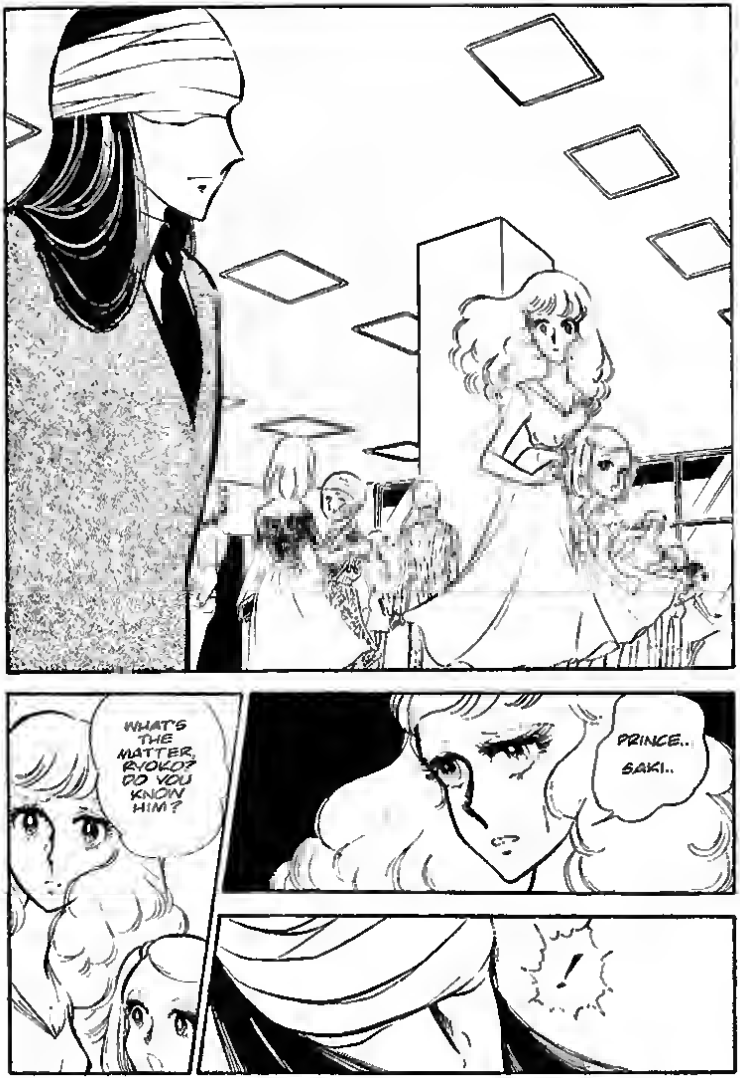
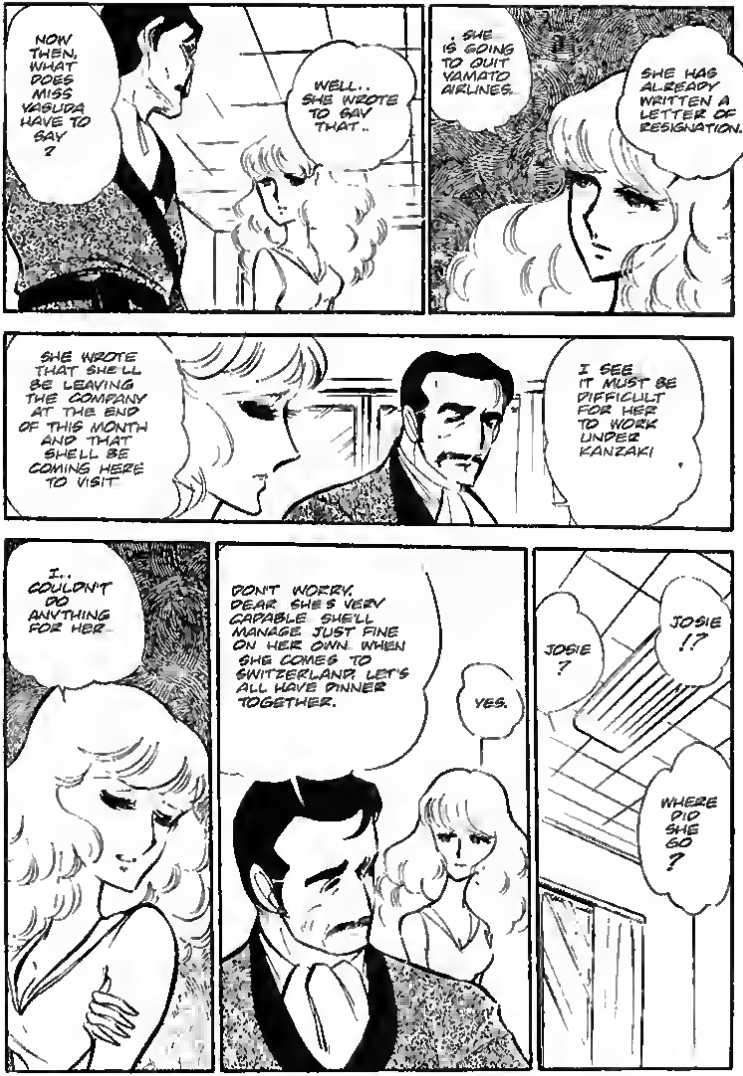
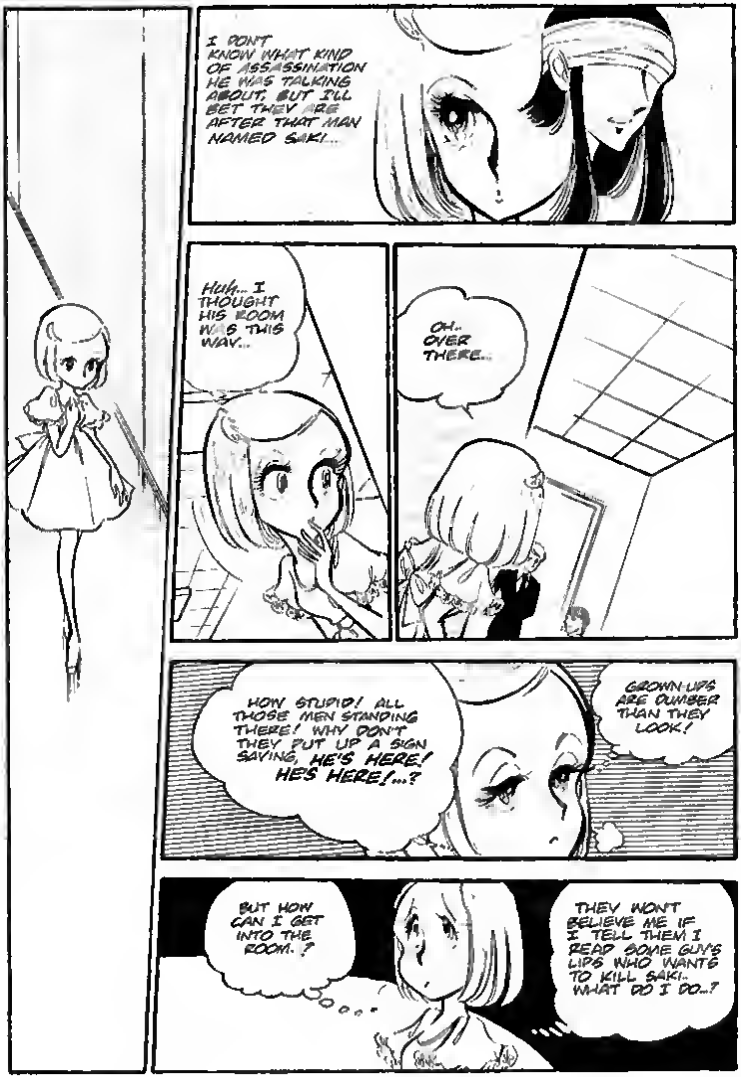
EXPECTATIONS

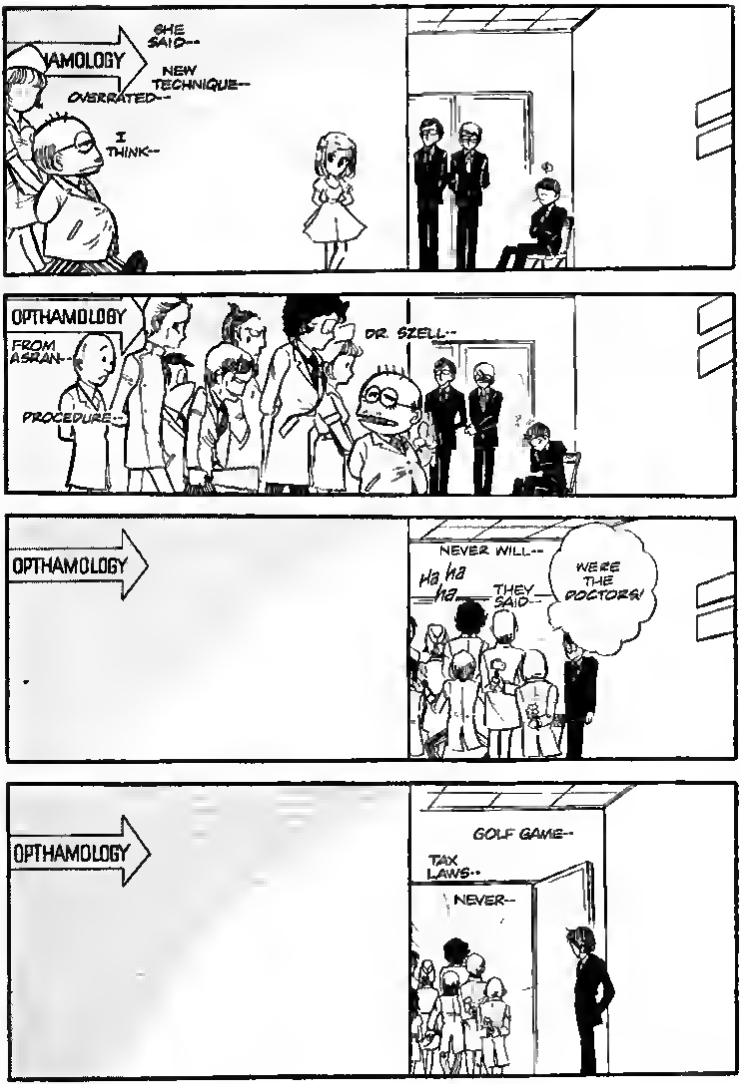

WHAT'S THE MATTER, RYOKO? DO YOU KNOW HIM?
PRINCE.. SAKI..
!

PLEASE, SIR! YOU MUST GET TO YOUR ROOM!
OH..
PLEASE, WAIT!
TELEPHONE
.....
ALL OF THE ASSASSINS ARE AWAITING THE GO AHEAD..
YES..
OH...
SAKI'S HERE AT THE HOSPITAL... YES, I'M CERTAIN IT'S HIM!
COME ON, JOSIE... I MUST HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN..
B-BUT..

HELLO, RYOKO.
I'M FEELING EXCELLENT TODAY.
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
WELL, I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM TAEKO.
I CAME HERE TO SHOW IT TO YOU...
AND I BROUGHT YOU SOME FLOWERS!
OH! SMELLS NICE! THANKS, JOSIE!
WHAT ARE ALL THOSE DOCUMENTS?
WELL, THEY ARE.. UM...
"COPIES OF REPORTS I RECEIVED WHILE I WAS STILL PRESIDENT. I THOUGHT I WAS READING THEM CAREFULLY, BUT I OVERLOOKED MANY SMALL THINGS..
..IT WAS MISTAKES LIKE THOSE THAT ALLOWED KANZAKI TO TAKE OVER THE COMPANY. HE'S VERY SHREWD
LET'S STOP TALKING ABOUT HIM. HE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US, NOW..
BESIDES, IF YOU KEEP READING THOSE PAPERS, I WORRY THAT IT MIGHT TAKE YOU LONGER TO GET WELL...
NO - I'M QUITE RECOVERED
THOUGH YOU MUST HAVE BEEN VERY WORRIED ABOUT ME.


NOW THEN, WHAT DOES MISS YASUDA HAVE TO SAY ?
WELL.. SHE WROTE TO SAY THAT..
SHE IS GOING TO QUIT YAMATO AIRLINES.
SHE HAS ALREADY WRITTEN A LETTER OF RESIGNATION.
SHE WROTE THAT SHE'LL BE LEAVING THE COMPANY AT THE END OF THIS MONTH AND THAT SHE'LL BE COMING HERE TO VISIT
I SEE IT MUST BE DIFFICULT FOR HER TO WORK UNDER KANZAKI
I.. COULDN'T DO ANYTHING FOR HER..
DON'T WORRY, DEAR SHE'S VERY CAPABLE SHE'LL MANAGE JUST FINE ON HER OWN! WHEN SHE COMES TO SWITZERLAND, LET'S ALL HAVE DINNER TOGETHER.
YES.
JOSIE ?
JOSIE !?
WHERE DID SHE GO ?


I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF ASSASSINATION HE WAS TALKING ABOUT BUT I'LL BET THEY'RE AFTER THAT MAN NAMED SAKI...
Huh... I THOUGHT HIS ROOM WAS THIS WAY...
OH.. OVER THERE...
HOW STUPID! ALL THOSE MEN STANDING THERE! WHY DON'T THEY PUT UP A SIGN SAYING, HE'S HERE! HE'S HERE!...?
GROWN-UPS ARE DUMBER THAN THEY LOOK!
BUT HOW CAN I GET INTO THE ROOM...?
THEY WON'T BELIEVE ME IF I TELL THEM I READ SOME GUY'S LIPS WHO WANTS TO KILL SAKI.. WHAT DO I DO...?


VAMOLOGY
SHE SAID--
NEW TECHNIQUE--
OVERRATED--
I THINK--
OPTHAMOLOGY
FROM ASIAN--
PROCEDURE--
DR. SZELL--
OPTHAMOLOGY
NEVER WILL--
Ha, ha ha
THEY SAID--
WE'RE THE DOCTORS!
OPTHAMOLOGY
GOLF GAME--
TAX LAWS--
NEVER--

Hummm.
WELL...
Hmmm..
IS THAT SO?
THAT MUST BE IT!
NEW TECHNIQUE?
IT WORKS! BELIEVE ME!
SO WHY DON'T WE?
MAYBE WE SHOULD!
DOCTORS! CAN I REGAIN MY SIGHT?!
HOW LONG? WHEN WILL I SEE AGAIN?!
PRINCE SAKI... PLEASE DON'T BE SO IMPATIENT.
I PROMISE THAT OUR EFFORTS WILL CORRECT YOUR LACK OF VISION
Mumble Mumble
.....
I GUESS IT'S HARD FOR YOU. BUT YOU WON'T GET ANY BETTER UNLESS YOU DO WHAT YOUR DOCTORS SAY.
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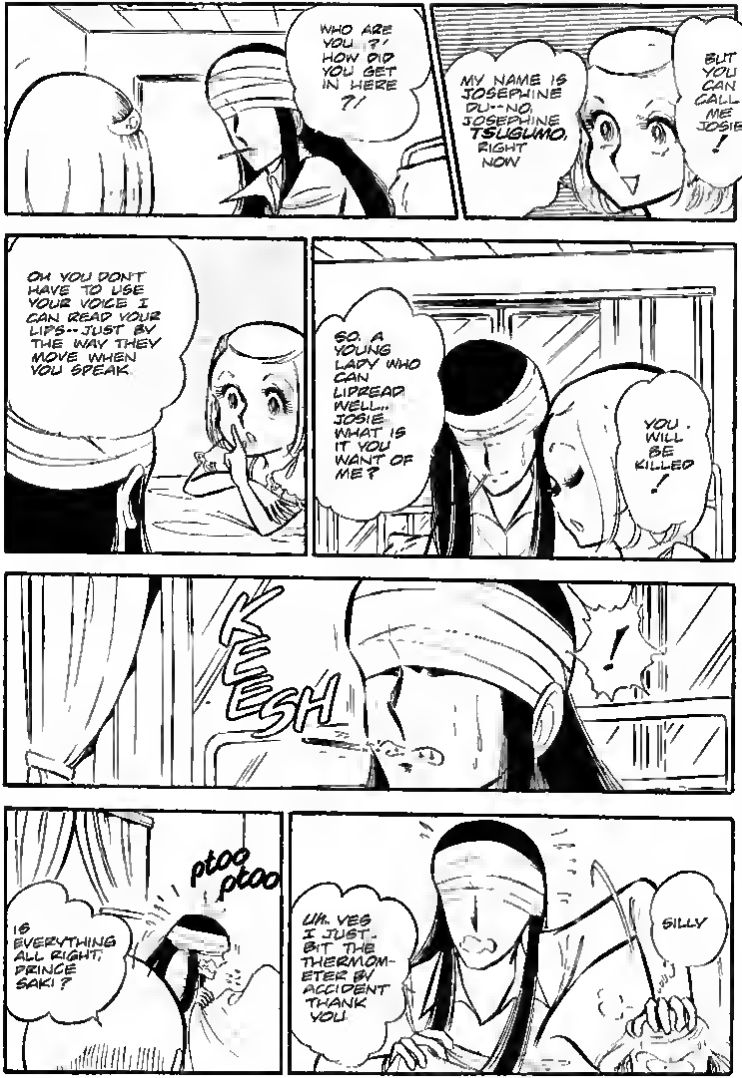
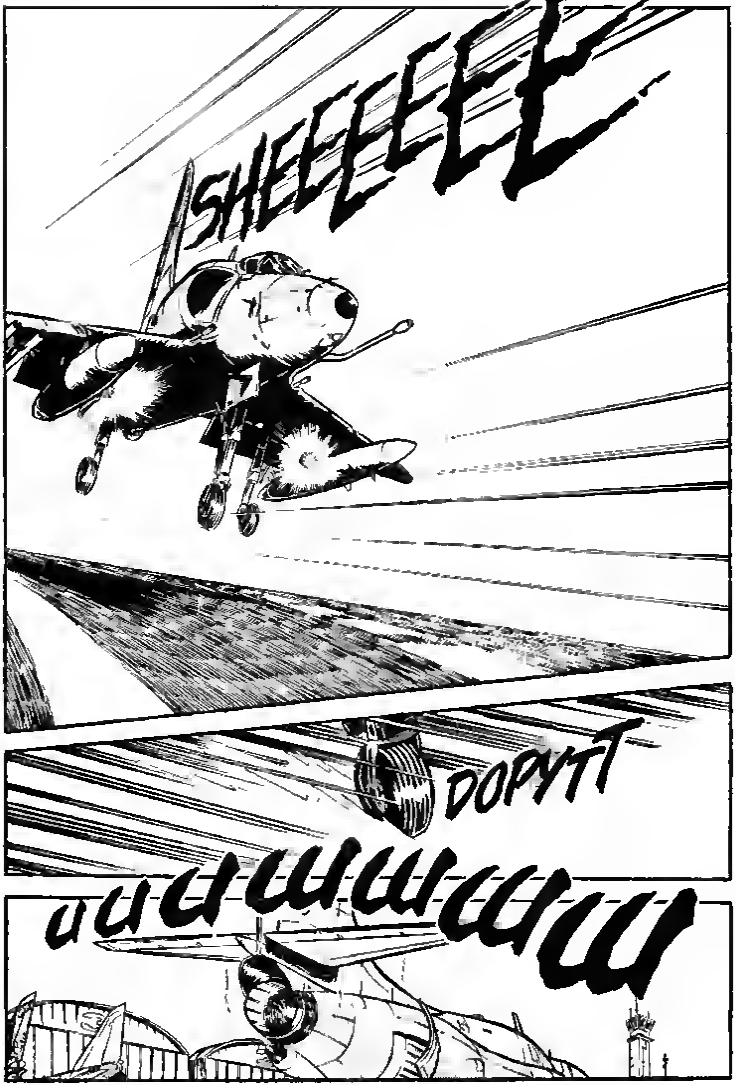

WHO ARE YOU?! HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?!
MY NAME IS JOSEPHINE DU--NO, JOSEPHINE TSUGUMO, RIGHT NOW
BUT YOU CAN CALL ME JOSIE!
OH YOU DON'T HAVE TO USE YOUR VOICE I CAN READ YOUR LIPS-- JUST BY THE WAY THEY MOVE WHEN YOU SPEAK
SO, A YOUNG LADY WHO CAN LIPREAD WELL.. JOSIE WHAT IS IT YOU WANT OF ME?
YOU WILL BE KILLED!
KESH
!
IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, PRINCE SAKI?
ptoo ptoo
UH. YES I JUST BIT THE THERMOMETER BY ACCIDENT THANK YOU
SILLY

I SEE... SINCE YOU CAN LIPRE D, YOU COULD UNDESTAND WHAT THE MAN IN THE PHONE BOOTH WAS SAYING... A USEFUL TALENT FOR A YOUNG GIRL!
IM VERY GRATEFUL THAT YOU TOLD ME... THANK YOU!
I WANT TO GIVE YOU A PRESENT AS A REWARD. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE ?
OH.. I DONT NEED ANYTHING...
OH, YEAH! WOULD YOU MEET WITH RYOKO?
SHE CALLED TO YOU WHEN YOU CAME INTO THE HOSPITAL, BUT YOU WERE SURROUNDED BY GUARDS AND RUSHED TO YOUR ROOM
RYOKO ?
I HAVE NEVER HEARD HER NAME WHO IS SHE ?
WELL SHE'S MY SISTER, THOUGH WE'RE NOT RELATED AND SHE HAS A BOYFRIEND AND OUR FATHER BECAME ILL WHILE SHE WAS LOOKING FOR HER BOYFRIEND BUT HE'S NOT MY DAD, YOU SEE.
WAIT A MINUTE I DONT UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING

WELL, RYOKO KNOWS ABOUT YOU, AND YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT RYOKO'S BOYFRIEND! HE'S BEEN GONE FOR A LONG TIME AND RYOKO MISSES HIM TERRIBLY
I HEARD ALL ABOUT THIS FROM TAEKO!
TAEKO? UH, LISTEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS..
WHAT IS THE NAME OF RYOKO'S BOYFRIEND?
SHIN KAZAMA!
SHIN...! SHIN KAZAMA?!
OH GOODY! YOU KNOW HIM!


SHEEEEEE
DOPYT
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WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON ?!
NOT EVEN A SINGLE PLANE.. JUST THE OTHER DAY THEY WERE BLACKENING THE SKY...!
HOW WAS THE WEST SIDE ?
ABSOLUTELY NO SIGN OF THE ENEMY !
VUUUUUUU
THAT'S SHIN'S DRAKEN COMING IN !
AND HE'S STILL GOT MISSILES ATTACHED! LOOKS LIKE HE HASN'T SEEN ANY COMBAT EITHER!
VUUUUUUU

HEY! YOU! BE QUIET!
YES, SIR. COMMANDER GREG, SIR!
I'M GOING TO READ THE ORDERS NOW! LISTEN CAREFULLY!
THE FOLLOWING PILOTS ARE TO EQUIP THEIR PLANES AND REPORT TO AREA 85 IMMEDIATELY!
AREA 85!? THAT'S A HELICOPTER BASE!
WHY?!
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?!
THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ARE TO REPORT THERE AND PARTICIPATE IN A MONTH-LONG OPERATION!
OKAY, LISTEN UP!
SHIN!
JENSEN!
CAMPBELL
MALRAUX!

THESE FIVE PILOTS ARE TO GO TO AREA 86 NOW!
AND.. ME.
WHILE WE'RE GONE, MICK, YOU'LL BE THE NEW COMBAT COMMANDER!
.....
OKAY..
LET'S GO!
SEE YOU IN A MONTH.. DON'T DIE WHILE WE'RE GONE!
SEE YOU, MICK! TRY NOT TO GET YOURSELF KILLED!
TAKE CARE, SHIN!
GREG!
I'LL BE BACK SOON! DON'T WORRY, ERIC!
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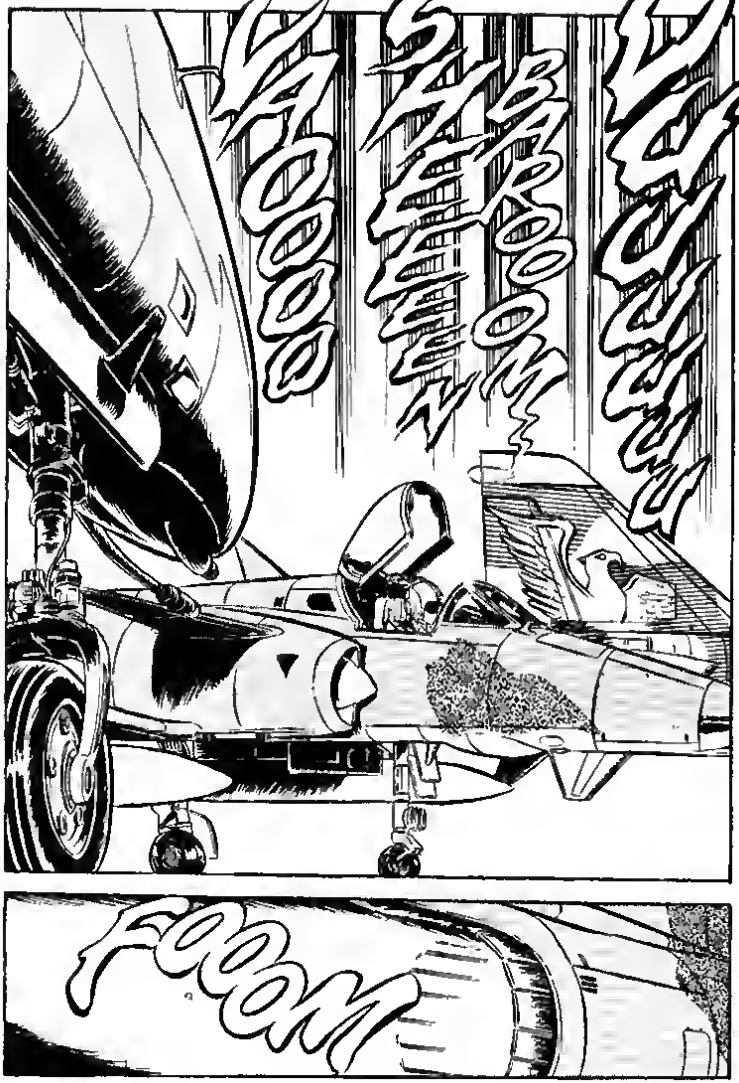
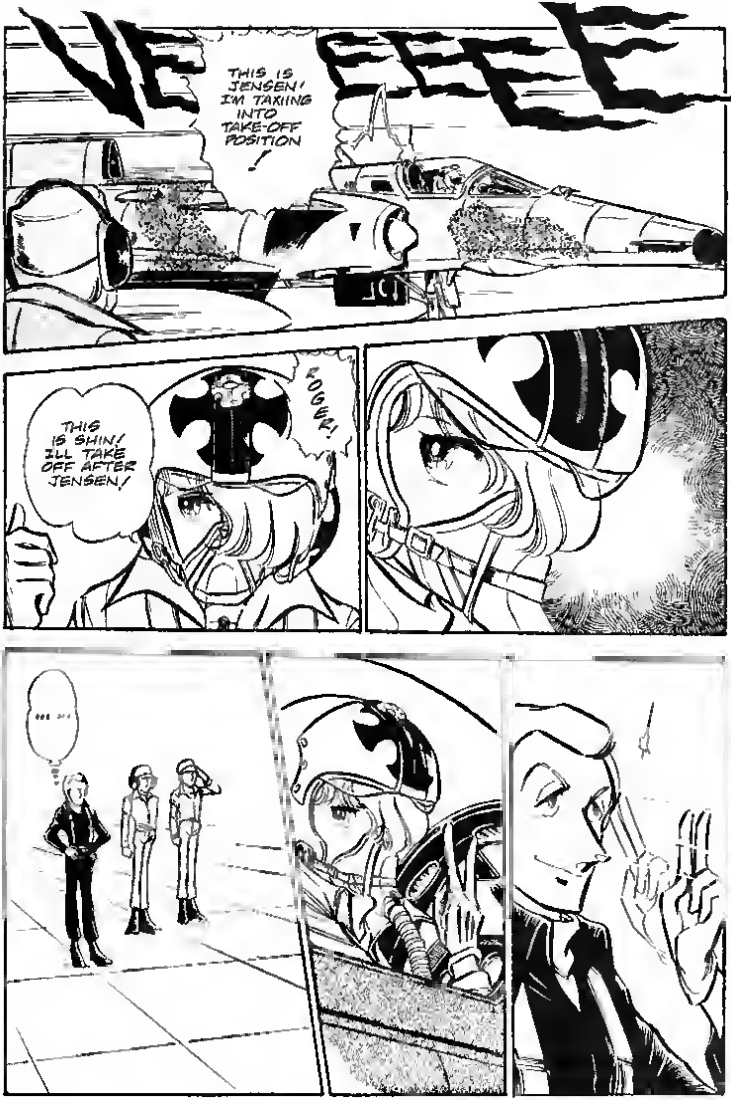
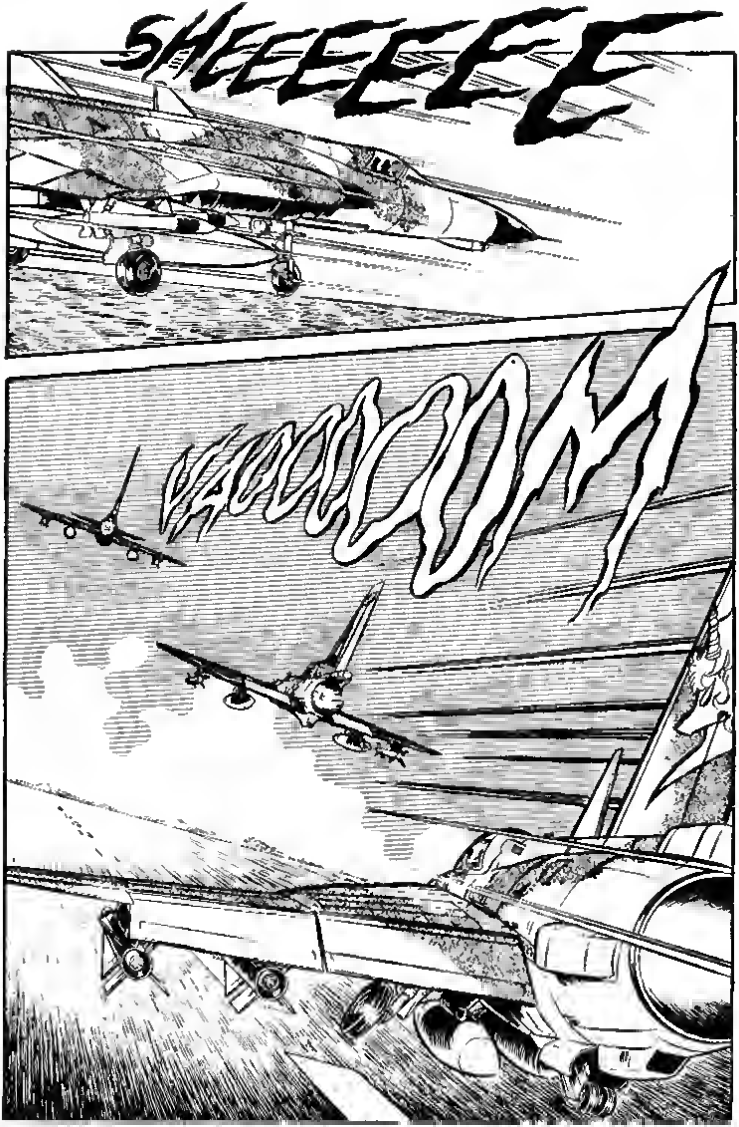
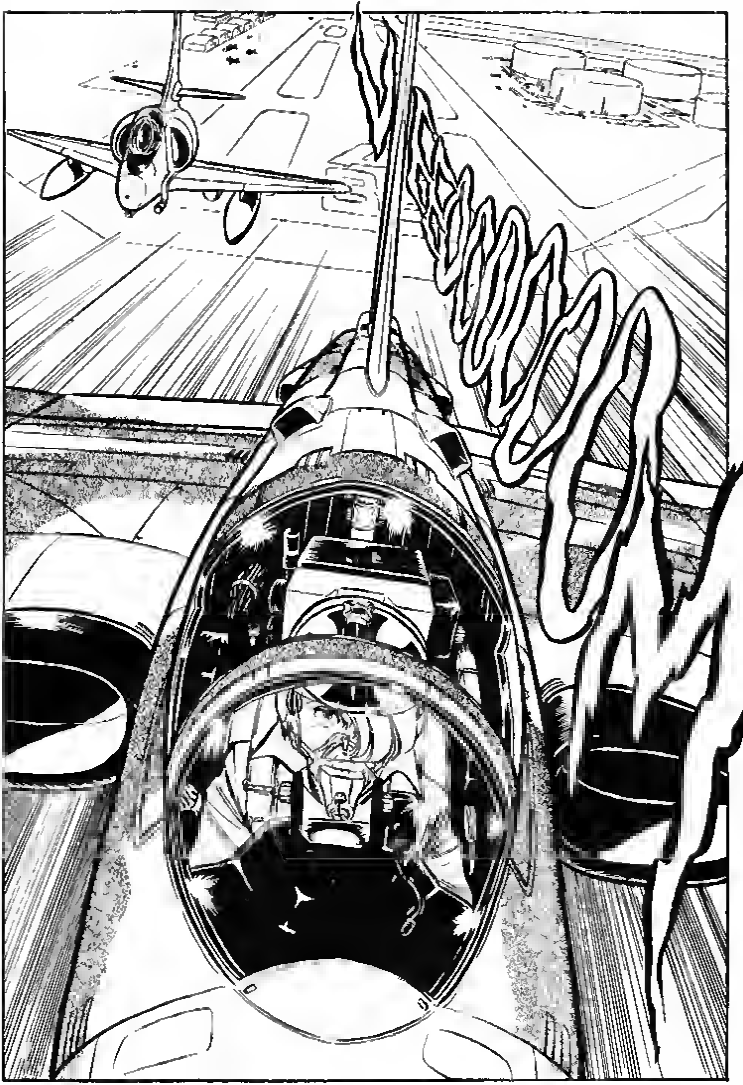
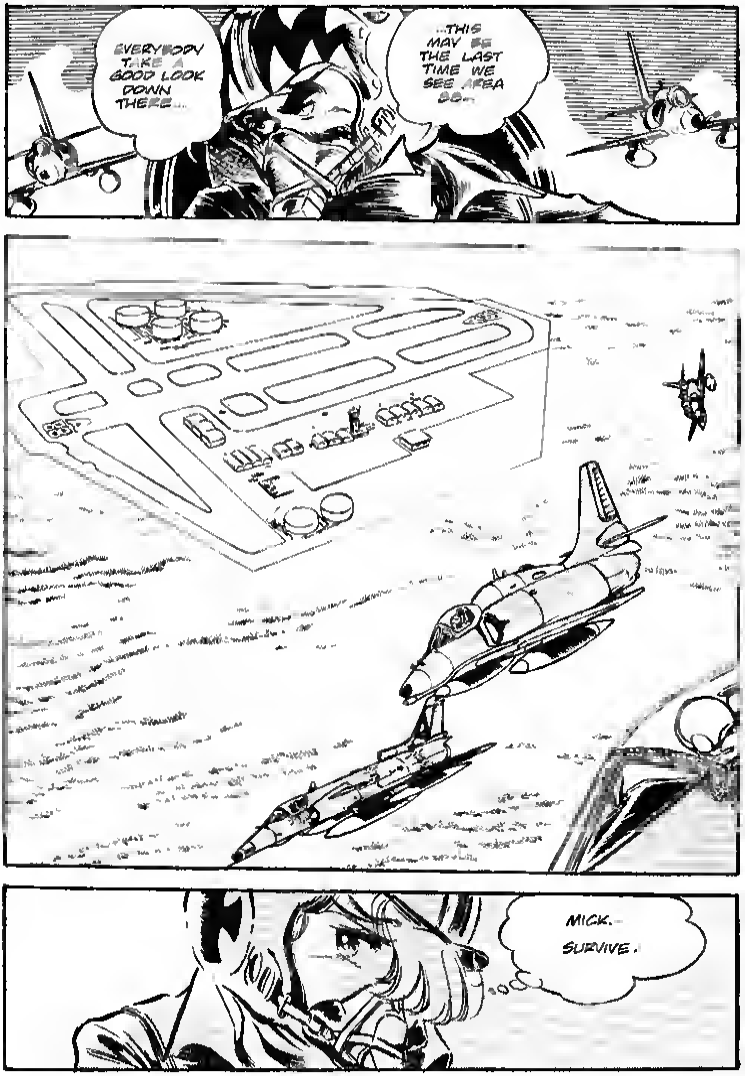

FOOOOO
SHEEE


THIS IS JENSEN! I'M TAXIING INTO TAKE-OFF POSITION!
THIS IS SHIN! I'LL TAKE OFF AFTER JENSEN!
ROGER!


SHEEEEE
VROOOOM



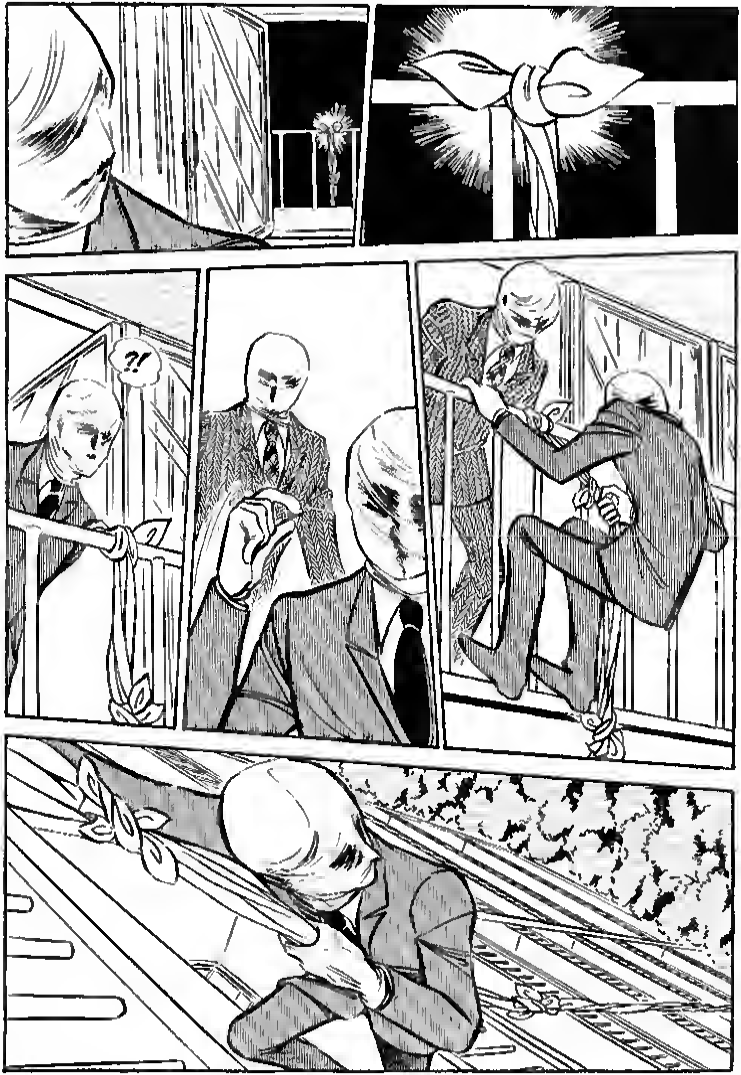

EVERYBODY TAKE A GOOD LOOK DOWN THERE...
...THIS MAY BE THE LAST TIME WE SEE AREA 88...
MICK. SURVIVE.

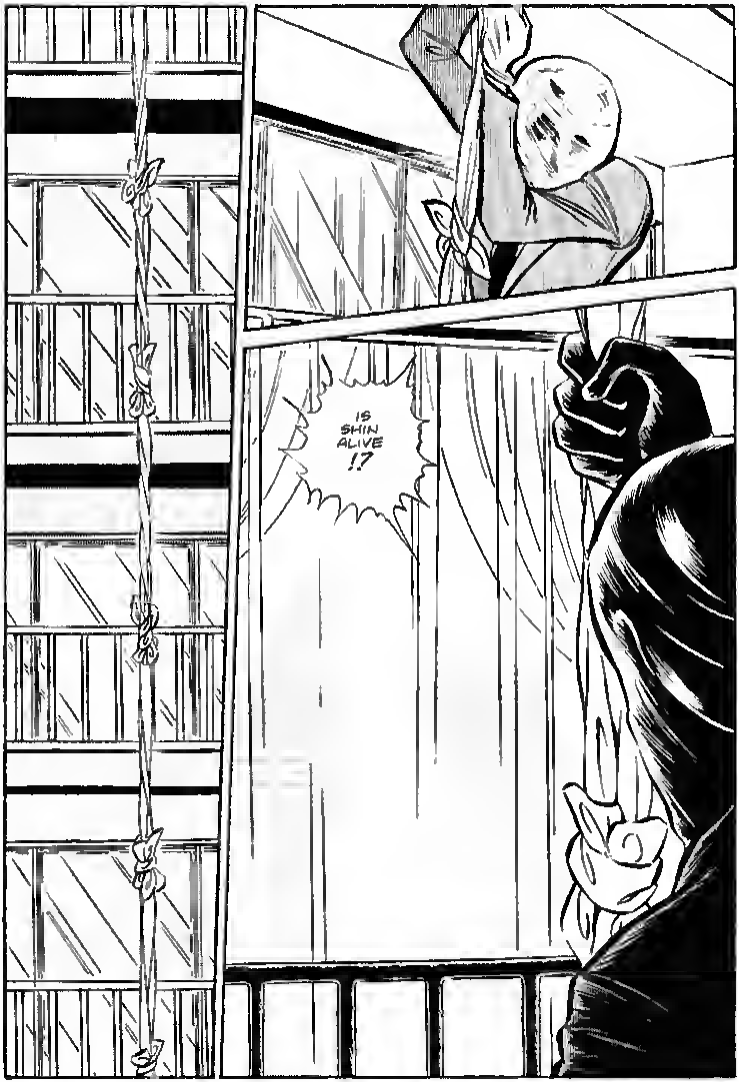
SHROOM
THE OBJECT OF THIS OPERATION IS TO SUPPORT THE HELI-COPTER SQUAD FROM THE SIDE
THIS IS IN COOPERATION WITH THE REGULAR FORCES SO LET'S NOT START ANY TROUBLE, OKAY?!
WHAT D'YOU MEAN?
IT'S NOT FAIR.. TO US..
THE REGULAR FORCES WILL TREAT US LIKE THE ENEMY, JUST BECAUSE WE'RE MERCENARIES!
WE'LL BE SURROUNDED BY ENEMIES.
VEEEOOOM

ZURICH
SNIK
?!
PHUNT
PHUNT
GAH!
UH!
HIS BEPS IN THE ROOM ON THE RIGHT SIDE..
DONT BLOW IT!
UNCK...

BAM
P-UNT P-UNT P-UNT

SHOOSH
HE'S NOT IN THE OTHER ROOM, EITHER!
DAMN! LET'S GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!




IS SHIN ALIVE !?

YES... HE IS ONE OF MY MEN...
HE HAPPENS TO BE ONE OF MY BEST FIGHTER PILOTS!
OH OHH!
OH... THANK GOD...
ISN'T IT GREAT!?
THANK GOD FOR NOT DASHING MY ONLY HOPE
I WANT TO SEE HIM IMMEDIATELY! PLEASE! PLEASE CALL YOUR COUNTRY AND GIVE ME PERMISSION TO SEE HIM!
WELL UH

HE SUPPOSEDLY VOLUNTEERED TO JOIN OUR AIR FORCE AS A MERCENARY.
BECAUSE OF HIS CONTRACT, HE CAN'T RETURN TO JAPAN UNTIL HE SERVES HIS THREE YEAR TERM.
OH NO!
OR HE CAN PAY A PENALTY OF ONE AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS ONLY THESE TWO OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO HIM
EVEN I CANNOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS
ONE AND A HALF MILLION...

TO BE CONTINUED